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Inclement Weather and Traffic Advisory

MILWAUKEE, WI – According to the National Weather Service, strong winds, snow, and dangerous wind chills are to impact southern Wisconsin today. Wind gusts around 45 MPH are likely to begin this afternoon with period of freezing rain possible.

With the current forecast, road conditions in Milwaukee County will be hazardous. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office will have additional patrol units on the highway to assist motorists and monitor the road conditions. The Sheriff's Office is asking motorists to be extra cautious when driving. "Inclement weather is a serious safety issue. Our goal is to improve traffic flow, prevent crashes especially those that cause injuries and fatalities," Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. says.

The best way to reduce the risk of being involved in winter weather related crash is to postpone travel. Please remind viewers/readers to keep the following in mind:

1. Before driving, clear snow/ice from ALL windows, brake lights, headlights, hood, and roof of the car. Make sure the tires and battery are good and the heat/defrosters work. Make sure you have at least ½ a tank of fuel.
2. Slow down, pay attention and be aware of changing road conditions. Wait until safely reaching your destination to make phone calls, eat, etc.
3. Keep basic emergency supplies in your car. Blankets, extra clothing, non-perishable food, gloves, bottles of water, shovel etc.
4. Move Over. When motorists obey the Move Over law and create a safety zone, they reduce the danger to themselves and deputies. Drivers who do not follow this law can be fined \$243.00 and assessed three points for this violation.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office urges drivers to be alert and conscious of deputies on the road. A change in driving behavior will help keep our deputies safe.

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